

implement the budget resolution's call for \$778 billion in tax relief over the next 10 years. While I believe today's complicated and cumbersome Tax Code needs to be completely replaced, this will take time as the American people debate alternative tax systems. In the meantime, we can take a major step toward tax simplification by eliminating 10 of the worst taxes in the Tax Code today. We should pull these taxes out by their roots, not just reduce them, trim them or cut them back or decrease them. This will make it more difficult for them ever to grow back again.

That is why I am introducing the Top Ten Terrible Tax Act today—boy, that is quite alliterative—which would completely eliminate 10 of the most egregious taxes on the American people, including estate and gift taxes, the tax on telephone calls, capital gains taxes and the tax increase on Social Security beneficiaries. The American people deserve to keep more of their hard-earned money and the Top Ten Terrible Tax Act would provide much-needed tangible tax relief to every American.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 358, nays 56, answered "present" 1, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 262]

YEAS—358

Abercrombie	Bereuter	Brown (OH)
Ackerman	Berkley	Bryant
Allen	Berman	Burr
Andrews	Berry	Burton
Armey	Biggert	Buyer
Bachus	Bilirakis	Callahan
Baker	Bishop	Calvert
Baldacci	Blagojevich	Camp
Baldwin	Bliley	Campbell
Ballenger	Blumenauer	Canady
Barcia	Boehert	Cannon
Barr	Boehner	Capps
Barrett (NE)	Bonilla	Capuano
Barrett (WI)	Bono	Cardin
Bartlett	Boswell	Castle
Barton	Boucher	Chabot
Bass	Boyd	Chambliss
Bateman	Brady (PA)	Chenoweth
Becerra	Brady (TX)	Clayton
Bentsen	Brown (FL)	Clement

Clyburn	Jackson (IL)	Pelosi
Coble	Jackson-Lee	Peterson (PA)
Coburn	(TX)	Petri
Collins	Jefferson	Phelps
Combest	Jenkins	Pickering
Condit	John	Pitts
Cook	Johnson (CT)	Pombo
Cooksey	Johnson, E.B.	Porter
Coyne	Johnson, Sam	Portman
Cramer	Jones (NC)	Price (NC)
Crowley	Jones (OH)	Pryce (OH)
Cunningham	Kanjorski	Quinn
Danner	Kaptur	Radanovich
Davis (FL)	Kasich	Rahall
Davis (IL)	Kelly	Regula
Davis (VA)	Kennedy	Reyes
Deal	Kildee	Reynolds
DeGette	Kilpatrick	Rivers
Delahunt	Kind (WI)	Rodriguez
DeLauro	King (NY)	Roemer
DeLay	Kingston	Rogan
DeMint	Kleczka	Rogers
Deutsch	Klink	Rohrabacher
Diaz-Balart	Knollenberg	Ros-Lehtinen
Dickey	Kolbe	Rothman
Dicks	Kuykendall	Roukema
Dingell	LaHood	Roybal-Allard
Dixon	Lampson	Royce
Doggett	Lantos	Rush
Dooley	Largent	Ryan (WI)
Doolittle	Larson	Ryun (KS)
Doyle	Latham	Salmon
Dreier	LaTourette	Sanchez
Duncan	Lazio	Sanders
Dunn	Leach	Sandlin
Edwards	Levin	Sanford
Ehlers	Lewis (CA)	Sawyer
Emerson	Lewis (GA)	Saxton
Engel	Lewis (KY)	Scarborough
Eshoo	Linder	Sensenbrenner
Etheridge	Lipinski	Serrano
Everett	Lofgren	Sessions
Ewing	Lowey	Shadegg
Farr	Lucas (KY)	Shaw
Fattah	Lucas (OK)	Shays
Fletcher	Luther	Sherman
Foley	Maloney (CT)	Sherwood
Forbes	Maloney (NY)	Shimkus
Fowler	Manzullo	Shows
Franks (NJ)	Martinez	Shuster
Frelinghuysen	Mascara	Simpson
Frost	Matsui	Sisisky
Gallegly	McCarthy (MO)	Skeen
Ganske	McCarthy (NY)	Skelton
Gejdenson	McCollum	Slaughter
Gekas	McCrery	Smith (MI)
Gibbons	McHugh	Smith (NJ)
Gilchrest	McInnis	Smith (TX)
Gilman	McIntosh	Smith (WA)
Gonzalez	McIntyre	Snyder
Goode	McKeon	Souder
Goodlatte	McKinney	Spence
Goodling	Meehan	Spratt
Gordon	Menendez	Stabenow
Goss	Metcalfe	Stark
Graham	Mica	Stearns
Granger	Millender-McDonald	Stenholm
Green (WI)	Miller (FL)	Strickland
Greenwood	Miller, Gary	Stump
Gutierrez	Minge	Sununu
Gutknecht	Mink	Talent
Hall (TX)	Moakley	Tancredo
Hansen	Mollohan	Tanner
Hastings (WA)	Moore	Tauzin
Hayes	Moran (VA)	Taylor (NC)
Hayworth	Morella	Terry
Herger	Murtha	Thomas
Hill (IN)	Myrick	Thornberry
Hill (MT)	Napolitano	Thune
Hilleary	Nethercutt	Thurman
Hinojosa	Ney	Tiahrt
Hobson	Northup	Toomey
Hoeffel	Norwood	Towns
Hoekstra	Nussle	Trafficant
Holden	Obey	Turner
Holt	Oliver	Upton
Hooley	Ortiz	Vento
Horn	Ose	Vitter
Hostettler	Owens	Walden
Houghton	Oxley	Walsh
Hoyer	Packard	Wamp
Hulshof	Pascarell	Watkins
Hunter	Paul	Watt (NC)
Inslee	Payne	Watts (OK)
Isakson	Pease	Waxman
Istook		Weiner

Weldon (FL)	Whitfield	Woolsey
Weldon (PA)	Wicker	Wu
Wexler	Wilson	Wynn
Weygand	Wolf	Young (FL)

NAYS—56

Aderholt	Hinchey	Pomeroy
Baird	Kucinich	Ramstad
Bilbray	LaFalce	Riley
Bonior	Lee	Sabo
Borski	LoBiondo	Schaffer
Clay	Markey	Schakowsky
Costello	McDermott	Stupak
Crane	McGovern	Sweeney
DeFazio	McNulty	Tauscher
English	Meek (FL)	Taylor (MS)
Filner	Meeks (NY)	Thompson (CA)
Ford	Miller, George	Thompson (MS)
Frank (MA)	Moran (KS)	Udall (CO)
Gephardt	Neal	Udall (NM)
Gillmor	Oberstar	Velazquez
Hall (OH)	Pallone	Visclosky
Hastings (FL)	Pastor	Waters
Hefley	Peterson (MN)	Weller
Hilliard	Pickett	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Carson

NOT VOTING—19

Archer	Ehrlich	Rangel
Blunt	Evans	Scott
Brown (CA)	Fossella	Tierney
Conyers	Green (TX)	Wise
Cox	Hutchinson	Young (AK)
Cubin	Hyde	
Cummings	Nadler	

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 775, YEAR 2000 READINESS AND RESPONSIBILITY ACT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 234 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 234

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 775) to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). The gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from South Boston, Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY), the distinguished ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules, pending which I yield myself such time as I might consume. During consideration of this rule, all time that I will be yielding is for debate purposes only.

Mr. Speaker, the resolution provides for the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 775, the Y2K